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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No. 1801

Special Branch - S. 2. Station 76

REPORT

Date May 12, 1936.

Subject (in full) Movements of Raissa BORODAVKINA, suspected communist agent.

Made by D.S. Pitts. Forwarded by C. J. Boyle

Miss Raissa BORODAVKINA, who forms the subject of
Special Branch File D. 1801 as a suspected communist agent,
left Shanghai for Chefoo on May 12, 1936 as a passenger on
the s.s. Shuntien.

D. S. Pitts.

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Officer i/c Special Branch.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

A. S. B. REGISTRY

TRANSLATION FROM FRENCH POLICE REPORT DATED MAY 15, 1933

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Departure of Mlle. R. BORODOVKINE.

Date 15-5-33

Mlle. ~~Rya~~ Raya BORODOVKINE, Cabaret dancer, strongly suspected of being a communist propaganda agent among foreign troops in China, and of whom we have written many times in our reports, left Shanghai on May 13 for Chefoo on board the s.s. "Shuntien."

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No.
S. B. REG.

REPORT

S. 2. Station,
Date Oct 21, 1932

Subject (in full).....Russian Cabaret Girls "Red Agents"

Made by D.S. Moore Forwarded by *W.B. Moore*

Ref the report submitted by the undersigned on Oct 14, 1932, bearing the above heading. It has been learned that one Raissa S. Borodavkina mentioned in that report, has since returned to Shanghai from Chefoo and is now employed in the Ritz Cafe, Rue Chu Pao San, French Concession.

W.B. Moore
D. S.

Officer i/c Special Branch

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
File No. 1801
REGISTRY

REPORT

Special Branch 14-10-32

Date October 14, 1932.

Subject (in full) Russian Cabaret Girls, "Red Agents."

Made by D.S. Moore.

Forwarded by J.B.K. 1

Regarding that portion of the attached translation of an article which appeared in the local Russian newspaper "Vechnoe Vremia" on September 30, 1932, concerning the alleged "Red" activities of Russian females, employed in local cabarets as dancing partners, amongst foreign troops stationed in Shanghai. Enquiries have been made amongst the Police Authorities of both the British and American forces in an effort to ascertain details of any specific cases as quoted, which may have come to their notice. The British Military Police are of the opinion that the average British soldier is not in the slightest interested in the class of propaganda emanating from Russian sources and that if any attempts were made by Soviet agents to further their cause through the medium of individual soldiers the fact would soon be reported to the proper authorities. The local American Marine Corps Provost Staff, agrees that many of their men have formed alliances and attachments with Russian girls working in cabarets, and although viewing the possibility of the successful or partially successful completion of the machinations of Soviet agents amongst their forces, are unable to quote any definite case which has been brought to their notice.

Police enquiries reveal that the only females suspected of being engaged in the class of work under discussion are Raissa S. Borodavkina, Vivian Raitsky and one S. Kirienko. The former was recently arrested as a communist suspect by the Chafco Police, but later released. Vivian Raitsky, resides at No.2 Pacific Gardens, Seymour Road and is employed at Browning's Cafe, Broadway, a resort frequented by soldiers and sailors, particularly Americans. According to information on record, both the above named have been suspected of disseminating communist propaganda.

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Date.....19

Subject (in full).....

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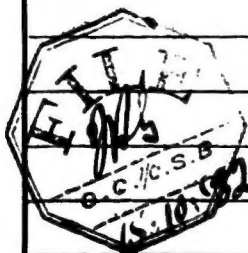
amongst foreign troops since the latter end of 1930, but nothing definite has been established against them. Miss S. Kirienko is believed to be a friend of the two above named females and arrived in Shanghai on September 27, 1932 from Chefoo, where she is believed to have been employed in one of the bars in that place and also to have been engaged in spreading communist propaganda amongst foreign service men.

The French Police have no information tending to prove anything of a definite nature against any females working in cabarets in the territory under their jurisdiction.

Attached, list of Russian females working in cabarets in the International Settlement, during September 1932.

W.B. Moore
S. I.

Officer i/c Special Branch.



List of Russian Dancing Partners for the Month of September 1932.

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Residence</u>
	<u>CHA LOH CAFE</u>		
I	Apanasiuk P.P.	28	45 Haskell Rd.
2.	Bogdanova O.T.	29	532 Avenue Joffre
3.	Trukhanova G.A.	30	ditto
4.	Neverovskaya B.A.	30	82 Wayside Road
5.	Diatlova H.A.	29	439/5 Ave. Joffre
6.	Kutirina M.T.	29	532 Ave. Joffre
7.	Suvorova V.M.	22	118/4 Route Vallon
8.	Ivaniukova M.V.	35	143 Route Pere Robert
9.	Tomilina T.F.	36	636 Ave. Joffre
10	Pashkevich P.I.	34	636/4 Ave. Joffre
11	Bruning L.	28	79/8 Route Vallon
12	Gansner P.D.	33	532 Ave. Joffre
13	Shumilkina P.K.	30	439/15 Ave. Joffre
14	Bukovikova L.M.	24	88 Route Vallon

Left in September

15	Grabovetz I.	24	16 Kungping Road
16	Pronina M.	33	45 Haskell Road
17	Mandibura V.K.	24	180 Range Road
18	Ivanova E. P.	24	660 Rue Lafayette
19	Prek H.	23	62 Rue Cardinal Mercier
20	Bannikova M.F.	25	58 Route Vallon
21	Makarova K.I.	32	106/2 Route Vallon

DINTY MOORE CABARET

1	Bartashevich Clara	28	602 Ave. Joffre
2.	GERALD Louisa	28	16 Tracey Terrace
3	IVANOVA Ludmila	26	45 Haskell Road
4	Petrova Tamara	25	20 Tracey Terrace
5.	TKACHENKO Anna	25	15 Tracey Terrace
6	MOROSOVA Valia	25	20 " "
7	Kalnin A.I.	32	7 Kungping Road

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Residence</u>
5	BRIDGES Flossie	30	7 Astor Terrace
9.	Kardikova Catherine	35	176 1/2 Route Vallon

STANISLAW 17

1.	BRADY Edna	32	1 Chusan Road
2	BRIDGES Flossie	30	17 Kingston Terrace
3	BRIDGES Flossie	35	55 Range Road
4	BRIDGES Flossie	40	114 Range Road
5	BRIDGES Flossie	18	70 Mayside Road
6	BRIDGES Flossie	34	56 Mayside Road

Left in September

7	Volkova Nina	40	12 Chusan Road
8	PLUJNIKOVA EUGENIA	28	17 Ward Road

LADOW'S TAVERN

1	BIRONT Tessie	28	333 Rue Cardinal Mercier
2	DROZDOVA Nina	22	341 1/2 Ave. du Roi Albert
3	TROFIMENKO Tassie	24	ditto
4	MCHUGH Tania	24	680/5 Rue Lafayette
5	ANISIMOVA Susanna	21	680/6 Rue Lafayette
6	KHMELEVA Nina	25	166/2 Route Vallon
7	OZER Jeannette	19	610 Ave. Joffre
8	LYLE Nina	23	333 Rue Cardinal Mercier
9	ROSTOVA Nina	23	417 Rue Cardinal Mercier
10	HAYMAN Ava	29	1095 N. Szechuen Road
11	ZASYPKINA Nina	25	57 Rue Pere Proc
12	BEZUR Mary	30	760 Rue Lafayette
13	ANCIFEROVA Alice	28	574 Ave. Joffre
14	PIVOVAROVA Olga	23	118 Route Vallon
15	SHALAGAN Jennie	20	618 Ave. Joffre
16	KRENEVSKAYA Lidia	18	103 Route Vallon
17	Zaber Galia	18	25 Verdun Terrace
18	GALASHEVSKAYA Annie	21	22 Linda Terrace
19	SHENKOFF Mary	26	532 Ave. Joffre
20	LOKHOMSKY Nina	27	349 Rue Cardinal Mercier
21	KRASHOVA Tania	24	1088 Ave. Joffre

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Residence</u>
22	VOZNESENSKAYA Katty	25	439 Abe. Jeffre
23	TCHAIKOVSKY Varvara	28	21 Rue Chapsal
24	MASTERENKO Mary	30	715 Ave. Jeffre
25	OKOULOVA May	19	210 Route Vallon
26	TROUBINA Tamara	23	225 szechuen Road
27	KASMIN Margareta	23	471 Rue Lafayette
28	RADKEVICH Tamara	20	52 Route Vallon
29	VISHNEVSKAYA Susanna	22	129 Ave. Haig

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30	BABUSHKINA-RAFALOVA V.M.	29	6 Peitaihe Lane
31	GLADKAYA Vera	30	11 Linda Terrace
32	FER Vera	22	21 Rue Chapsale
33	KOMAROVA Laura	25	614 Ave. Jeffre
34	BRYNOS Veronica	28	81 Route Vallon
35	SELINA Lidia	22	73 McGregor Road
36	KUNLATOVA Klava	23	76 Sun Avenue

MAJESTIC CAFE

1	Petrova V.S.	18	22 Linda Terrace
2	Kositzina A.A.	20	15 Route Vallon
3	Tsevilleva Z.P.	18	439/12 Ave. Jeffre
4	Michailova E. K.	23	1 Tracey Terrace
5	Sivakova C. A.	19	278 Route Vallon
6	Gastlinskaya E.A.	18	150 Baikal Road

Left in September

7	Dipina A.G.	25	38 Jeffre Terrace
8	Reve L.P.	26	22 Route Pere Robert

MINIYA CAFE

1	GOLDMAN Mania	23	L.24, H9 Ward Road
2	KARPENKINA Nadia	25	96 Wayside Road
3	IVANIUK Paulina	19	330 Ave. Jeffre
4	GLOVINSKAYA Inna	32	52 Kungping Terrace
5	LEVASHOVA Nadia	27	45 Haskell Road

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6	MINIYVA Irene	30	21 Chuan Road
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	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Residence</u>
7	GOLOVINSKAYA Rina	32	Luna Park, Ward Road

QUEEN'S CAFE

1	Bonehara M.	25	58 Route Vallon
2	Patrikeeva M.	28	106 Route Vallon
3	Geriashina E.	20	20 Tracey Terrace
4	Ivanova E.	23	603 Ave. Joffre
5	Leshchinsky S.	21	532 Ave. Joffre
6	Avetova A.	28	52 Route Dollfus
7	Afanasieff K.G.	28	79/3 Route Vallon
8	Afanasieff Z.G.	32	ditto
9	Kechenova V.K.	22	30 Joffre Terrace

SHANGHAI GRILL

1.	ALTSHUKER Mary	29	2 Monkham Terrace
2	TSIPLENKOVA Senia	29	3 Ward Road
3	SOMNER Pelagueya	22	220 Alcock Road
4	KOCHEROVSKAYA Elena	35	70 Wayside Road
5	LENTZ Cleo	29	79 Wayside Road
6	Druginina Elena	33	43 E.Tengshan Road
7	BOROVSKAYA Ada	35	62 Wayside Road

Left in September

8	OGLY Lola	19	7 Astor Terrace
9	ANANIEVA Mary	26	59 Kungping Terrace
10	SKUEVA Lola	23	6 Astor Terrace

ST. GEORGE'S CAFE

PETROFF	Galia	22	2 Hua-Kee Ave.
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TALLY-HO CABARET

1	BALITSKAYA Marina	45	16 Chusan Road
2	LEODITCH Maria	39	15 " "
3	VORONOVICH Anna	33	16 Chusan Road
4	PERKINEVA Vera	26	347 Wayside Road
5	RASTERNING Katty	22	" " "

Left in September

6	PEROPRISORA Lola	27	15 Chusan Road
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<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Residence</u>
<u>BROWINGS CAFE</u>		
1. VERKOLA Nadia	19	74 Route Vallon
2. PAHOMOVA Agripina	32	98 Jeffre Terrace
3. DEGTEVA Violette	35	66 Rue Pere Robert
4/ POPOVA Anna	28	10 Wayside Road
5. AZEVEDO Mary	27	55 McGregor Road Russian by birth
6. OGORODNIKOVA Olga	28	6 Happy Terrace
7. RODIONOVA Hesa	30	150 Seymour Road
8. RAITSKY Vivian	22	2 Pacific Gardens
9. BOKOLOVA Lialia	23	18 Kungping Terrace
10. DUDUHEDIS Shura	29	591 Rue Lafayette
11. DEREVITZSKOFF Ida	30	ditte
12. SKORNIKOVA Fannia	25	27 Route Vallon
13. Felstenheff Olga	25	26 Tracey Terrace

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14. KONOVALOVA Tamara	27	7 Avenue Jeffre
15. KRAVTSOVA Katty	28	128 Route Vallon
16. KUTSENKO Vassa	27	636 Ave. Jeffre, H.4
17. PERKINA OLGA	30	27 Route Delfus
18. Barr Ira	31	ditte
19. TARSEKH Dina	22	636 Ave. Jeffre, H4
20. PETRENKO Tania	30	15 Tracey Terrace
21. IVANOVA Anna	29	270 Route Vallon
22. SERGEEVA Shura	25	106 Route Vallon
23. KOLOSOFF Tassia	23	ditte
24. HOFFMAN Nina	27	859 N. Szachuan Road
25. LANTSEVA Genia	25	125 Beane Road

SAVVY HOTEL BALL ROOM

1. KOLAROFF Lily	25	35 Tracey Terrace, HII
2. PANCHENKO Nina S.	26	106 Route Vallon, H3
3. BORCHOVA Ludmila K.	21	106 Route Vallon, H I
4. BORISOVSKY Kapitelina K.	22	42 Sun Avenue
5. Buzgina Klavdia A.	23	74 Route Vallon
LANTSEVA Vera K.	27	12A Kungping Road

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Residence</u>	
7	KAZAKOVA Lola A.	22	22 Linda Terrace	
8	UNGUVITSKAYA Zelina M.	32	129 Rue Lt. Petiet	Felish
9	PONOMARENKO Anna M.	26	129/2 Rue Lt. Petiet	
10	NEAPOLITANSKAYA Keana P.	29	3 Traceyn Terrace	
	II TIROLSKAYA Irena V.	29	38 Ave. Victor Hman.H3	
12	PETROVA Maria L.	29	35 Tracey Terrace, HII	

CINDERELLA CAFE (closed in September)

1.	BARTON Mary	24	25 Tracey Terrace
2	KEVO Nina	24	278 Route Vallen
3	SIMAKOVA Vera	19	ditte
4	YAKOVINA Tamara	28	129 Ave. Jeffre, Apt.18
5	MARTYNOFF Shura	30	140 Route Vallen
6	TOROPOVSKY Lidia	20	18 Chusan Road
7	TOROPOVSKY Julia	23	ditte
8	LEVIN FANNIA	18	112 Kwenming Road
9	BARYSHEFF Lily	31	65 McGregor Road
10	KLUR Annette	35	600 Ave. Jeffre

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Memorandum.

POLICE FORCE,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,

To Shanghai, 5:10: 1932
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For investigation
and report on the
extent to which
cabaret girls are
used in Shanghai
for the furtherance
of "Red" propaganda
among the foreign
troops stationed
here.

D.S. Moore.

[Signature]

DBK 5/10.

Memorandum.

POLICE FORCE,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,

To Shanghai, October 2d, 1932
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[Vertical text in left margin:]
Mr. S.S. Mandel
New York
DBK 4/10

An article
appeared in a
Russian newspaper
(Evening Times?)
within the past
few days on the
subject of the use
of cabaret girls for
the dissemination
of propaganda.
Please make a full
translation of it.

D.S. Rappaport.

R 7/10.

[Signature]

Translation of an article which appeared in the VECHERNY
VENIA, September 30, 1932 and contributed by A. Markoff

**THE WORK OF THE COMINTERN (COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL)
 IN SHANGHAI IS CARRIED OUT STRICTLY IN ACCORDANCE
 TO PLAN AND IS DIRECTED TO SPREAD PROPAGANDA AMONG
 THE CHINESE MASSES AND FOREIGN TROOPS AND TO
 DISINTEGRATE AND PROVOKE RUSSIAN EMIGRANTS.**

The local authorities have reasons to be worried by the increased activity of agents of the Comintern, which finds its expression in frequent communist demonstrations, labour disturbances and strikes, and in almost daily seizures of communist handbills by the police.

Frequent arrests of communists do not seem to interfere very much with the plans of the Comintern, and this shows the efficiency and the strict secrecy of the local section of this international organization.

As a rule, the arrested communists prove to be ordinary members of the party, who only carry out instructions received from their leaders whom they cannot point out even if they wish to do so, because they know very little about them.

WHO DIRECTS THE WORK.

We are in a position to publish in this newspaper some data regarding the organization of this branch of the Comintern, covering, like a net, all more or less important towns of China and especially Shanghai. Some considerable time ago the Moscow centre found it necessary "in the interests of the work" to transfer the more responsible work abroad from the hands of Russian communists to foreigners, or to Russians who have a perfect knowledge of some foreign language and can live under the guise of foreigners. Particular attention is paid in this connection to towns with large "white" Russian communities, as it frequently happens that responsible communist agents are denounced by emigrants thereby upsetting the work of the whole organizations.

The appearance of agents of this type has been noticed in Shanghai, especially recently. In most cases they pose as Germans or Austrians.

THE MAIN THREE OBJECTS.

It is said that at the head of the organisation engaged in the spreading communist propaganda in Shanghai and neighbourhood is a "foreigner" of this type, who has large sums deposited in banks and who, being in a close touch with Moscow, directs the work of the Comintern in this part of the world.

The following are the three main objects of the communist activity in Shanghai :-

1. Spreading propaganda among the Chinese masses.
2. Spreading propaganda among the foreign troops and navies.
3. Disintegration and provoking of White Russian emigrants.

The first point, i.e. the work amongst the Chinese, is, of course, the most important one. For this purpose the head of the local Comintern organisation has 5 or 6 Chinese communists working under him, who are graduates of a special school for propaganda in Moscow, and have proved their loyalty to the communist party. Only these agents are in touch with the head of the organisation, only they know the leader, from whom they receive instructions and funds for propaganda work.

SPHERES OF COMMUNIST ACTIVITY.

Each of these 5 agents is in charge of a particular section carrying out work in a particular field, and is vested with power to act on his own initiative.. Only general supervision and direction of the work is in the hands of the head of the organisation, who receives information regarding the activities of his subordinates from reports submitted by them and from reports of his personal intelligence service - (a necessary part of any Soviet organisation).

These sections are as follows :-

- 1) Party Section, i.e. section directing the activity of the Chinese Communist Party in Shanghai, its relations and co-operation with the

- 1 communist organizations in other towns, and the struggle against left and right deviations from party's politics.
- 2) Labour Section—conducting propaganda among workers in Shanghai, recruiting new members for the party, inciting workers against the administration of factories, and organizing strikes. Creating incidents leading to individual or mass dismissal of workers and to unemployment - is particularly encouraged, as dissatisfied workers are easily lead and incited to stage demonstrations and disturbances of all sorts.
- 3) Students' Section. This section is the most favourable field for the destructive activity of the Comintern. Chinese students are easily inflamed by the promises contained in the communist slogans. They join the communist party and participate eagerly in all demonstrations and disturbances.
- 4 & 5) These sections conduct propaganda among sailors and soldiers. Creating dissatisfaction in the army and navy and organization of communist cells for spreading communist propaganda in their ranks is the most important part of work of agents of the Comintern.

II Secondly Agents.

Apart from the five chief agents enumerated above, each of whom is in charge of a special section, there are other agents who do not carry out any definite work, but are transferred to one of the above mentioned sections when ever necessary.

Each agent, in turn, controls the activity of several other agents through whom he carries out instructions received from the head of the organisation. These secondary agents are actually engaged in the organization of strikes, demonstrations and disturbances. Here also students and workers are their most ardent followers and take the most active part in communist activity, and the majority of individuals who fall into hands of the police are of this type. Thus in the case of a communist base being discovered, the principal leaders invariably succeed in making good their escape.

Cases like the sensational arrest of Desser in Shanghai in 1925 and the Houlens case are very rare.

Girls from across the USSR

As it was stated above, apart from the work among the Chinese, considerable attention is paid to spreading propaganda in the ranks of foreign troops. Here the principal agents are the so called dancing partners - communists who arrive from the USSR for this special purpose.

These girls, accordingly instructed, can be found in every port where foreign men-of-war or foreign troops are stationed.

Having picked out a suitable individual the girl attracts him by flirting, becomes his paramour and endeavours by all means to cause him spend his money, to incur debts, and also gets him into the habit of using narcotics.

When the man is "ready" i.e. sufficiently weakened morally and involved in debts, the girl introduces him to her "friend" - an agent of the Comintern. The agent carries on the work on the same lines :- takes the man round the cabarets, lends money to him, and, finally, the victim is caught in the trap cleverly set up for him, and is forced to accept the terms of the agent.

The latter, having the victim helpless in his hands, open his cards and forces the man to join the communist party threatening, should he refuse to do so, him to denounce him and to demand payment of his debts. Very often the man consents to organize a communist cell on board his ship or in his company, and carries out the special instructions of the agent.

A. Negaitseff.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

Special Branch 5.2.32

Date October 1, 1932.

Subject (in full) Arrest of Raissa S. Borodavkina, Suspected Soviet Agent.

Made by D.S. Tcheremshansky. Forwarded by

With reference to the attached translation from the

French Police Daily Intelligence Report dated September 29, 1932, on the subject of Raissa Borodavkina, I have to state that according to information the Chefoo Police made an examination of the passports of all persons residing at the New World Hotel on August 14, and it was discovered that Borodavkina was in possession of two passports namely a Russian Emigrants and a Chinese. On August 17 she was arrested on suspicion of being a communist agent. A certain Li, a wealthy Chinese, who acted as Russian interpreter and who translated documents found in Borodavkina's room, is reported to have mentioned in conversation with an informant that the Chinese authorities had proof of her communistic activities, and that correspondence, and literature of a pro-communist nature was found in her room.

It was believed in Chefoo that the information regarding Borodavkina's activity was received by the Chefoo police from a certain Antashevitch, a German employed with the Tsingtao police.

After about a week's detention Borodavkina was released on a guarantee bond supplied by Mr. Ross (?), American of Russian Jewish extraction, owner of the Beach Cafe, where she was employed at that time, and a member of the U.S. Navy, who is reported to be her paramour. It was rumoured in Chefoo that the Chinese authorities were bribed by Borodavkina's friends. After her release she continued to work at the Beach Cafe.

Endeavours are being made to verify the above information and matters of interest will be duly reported.

D. S. Tcheremshansky

Officer i/c Special Branch.

Translation of extract from French Police Daily Intelligence Report
dated September 29, 1932.

Parag. 2. Arrest of Miss R. Borodavkina in Chefoo.

We are informed that Miss R. Borodavkina, dancing partner, mentioned on many occasions in our reports, was arrested by the Chinese authorities in Chefoo towards the end of August for communist propaganda among sailors of foreign men-of-war stationed at that port. She was detained in gaol for three weeks following which she was deported to Tientsin. We are assured that R. Borodavkina was released thanks to the discreet intervention of agents of the U.S.S.R.

J. S. Tchenourkany.

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Special Branch

22, 8, 1932

August 22, 1932.

Memorandum on Raissa Samuilovna Borodavkina

R.S. Borodavkina first came to the notice of the Shanghai Municipal Police in December 1930 when information was received to the effect that she was suspected of being engaged in spreading "red" propaganda among sailors of foreign navies.

From enquiries made it was learned that she had arrived in Shanghai from Harbin via Tsingtao some time during the autumn of 1929. While in Harbin, about six years ago, she was reported to have been in charge of the local "Pioneer" organization (a communist organization for children - preparatory stage for the "Communist Youth"). Later she became a dancing partner and in this capacity has been working in cabarets in Harbin, Tsingtao, Chefoo and Shanghai.

During the summer of 1929 she was employed at the "Arcadia" Cafe, Shantung Road, Tsingtao, but was dismissed from that place as a result of information received by the management that she was a Soviet sympathiser and had been spreading red propaganda among sailors who frequented the establishment.

In Shanghai she was employed at the Browning's Cabaret, No.68 Broadway until the end of June, 1931, when she left for Chefoo. At that time she resided at No.4 Astor Road where she shared a room with V.M. Roetskaya, also a professional dancing partner. On the strength of information alleged to have been furnished by a U.S. sailor named Keaton, attached to Submarine 38, who made the acquaintance of Roetskaya in Tsingtao, she was reported

to be a Soviet agent.

The room occupied by Borodavkina and Roetskaya at No.4 Astor Road was frequented by foreign sailors among whom was one named Jack Shnell, of the U.S.S. "Chaumont," a member of the Medical Staff of the U.S.A. Navy. This individual, who is a Russian Jew by origin is said to be a Soviet sympathiser and it is believed that he was then Borodavkina's paramour.

Upon her return from Chefoo in 1931 Borodavkina was employed at the Ritz Cafe, No.29 Rue Chu Pao San. During this period she resided at No.570 Avenue Joffre, a Chinese boardinghouse. In June 1932 she left for Chefoo where, according to our information, she is residing at the New World Hotel and is employed at the Beach Cafe.

Borodavkina's name was mentioned in a pamphlet posted by an anonymous group of "White" Russians in December 1931 denouncing local Soviet agents and sympathisers (file D.1880).

Raisa Samuilovna Borodavkina is a Russian of Jewish origin and is about 25 years of age. She is not registered with the local Russian Emigrants Organization or any other similar society. From a statement made by her sister Mrs. E.S. Schwartz in May 1930 when applying at the local Netherlands Consulate-General for a visa, it would appear that they have three brothers who at that time resided at Urga, Detroit (U.S.A.) and Moscow respectively. Mrs.E.S. Schwartz was formerly the paramour of S. Mamontoff, suspected Soviet agent (file D.1261).



G. Prokofiev
D. S.

Officer i/c Special Branch
Information.

The information regarding this lady has already been communicated to Ho. Com. by the D. S. S. J.R. 2/3

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to have and copy
Memorandum. before

POLICE FORCE.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

early to - morning
To O/S. 8B. *Shanghai*

Files herewith. *29/2*
Borobab Kima *30*

BORODAVKINA

Russian woman -
Red agent.

Lieut Boone wishes
to know if we
have any record
about her. He
will bring up again
tomorrow morning
for the answer.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

File No.
SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. & S. 1801.
No. S. B. D. 1801.
Date July 1, 1931.
at 1-2-31.

Subject (in full) Movements of Raissa Borodavkina - Suspected Soviet agent.

Made by D. S. Prokofiev.

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It is reliably reported that Mrs. Raissa Borodavkina, Russian, left Shanghai for Chefoo on June 24, 1931 by the S. S. 'Chohei Maru.'

She is of Jewish extraction and is dancing partner by profession. She speaks fluent English and according to our information on record she was suspected of being engaged in the dissemination of propaganda among foreign sailors and soldiers frequenting local cabarets.

While in Shanghai she resides at 4 Astor Terrace.

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Officer i/c Special Branch.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

REPORT

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

No. S. M. D. 1801

Date February 9, 1931

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Subject (in full) R.S. Borodavkina and V.M. Roetskaya.

Made by D.S. Tcheremshansky.

Forwarded by W. H. Duncan D.S.I.

Sir,

With reference to the attached report of 10-12-30, further enquiries have been made and observation kept on the movements of R.S. Borodavkina and V.M. Roetskaya, but no direct evidence of their undesirable activities could be learned.

Information has been received that R.S. Borodavkina, when residing in Harbin about five years ago, was in charge of "Pioneer" organization (Communist Youth Organization for Children). Her paramour, Jack Shnell of U.S.S. "Chaumont" American Jew, member of the Medical Staff of U.S.A. Navy, who is nicknamed "Doctor" (see report D.1801 of December 10, 1930), recently arrived in Shanghai. It is said that he purposes to resign from the Navy, marry R.S. Borodavkina and return to U.S.A.

V.M. Roetskaya is known as a suspected Soviet Agent to a U.S. sailor named Keaton of the sub-marine 38, which is at present in Manila. He made the acquaintance of Roetskaya last summer in Tsingtao, and submitted information regarding her through some of his Russian friends.

R.S. Borodavkina and V.M. Roetskaya are still visited frequently by sailors of different navies.

Photograph of Raisa Samuilovna Borodavkina and Jack Shnell ("Doctor") attached.

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D. C. (C. & S. Branches)

Information. The activities in the activities of B. and R. will be continued.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

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~~Date~~ December 10, 1930.

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REPORT

Subject (in full) Raisa Samuilovna Borodavkina and Vivesa Mikhailovna Kotskaya.

Made by D.S. Tcheremshansky.

Forwarded by Wh Duncan PS 9

Sir,

Information has been received to the effect that R.S. Borodaykina and V.M. Roetskaya, both residing at 4 Astor Road, are suspected Soviet Agents who are said to be working as propagandists among sailors of foreign navies.

R.S. Borodavkina is a Russian Jewess, dancing partner by profession, employed at Browning's Cafe, 68 Broadway. She speaks English fluently. Last summer she resided in Tsingtao where she was employed at the "Arcadia" Cafe, Shantung Road. She was dismissed from that place when the management received information that she was a Soviet sympathiser and had been spreading propaganda among sailors who frequented the cabaret. Her sister, Esphyr Samuilovna Schwarz, was the paramour of the Soviet Secret Agent, S. Mamontoff. She is a dancing partner by profession and is employed at the Palais Cafe, Avenue Edward VII. She resides at 6 Wayside Road.

V.M. Roetskaya, Russian, dancing partner by profession. Last summer she was also in Tsingtao and resided there for some time with Borodavkina. She does not speak English very well.

It is reported that their apartments are visited by many sailors of the U.S. Navy and also by Russian youths. Amongst the U.S. Navy men who visited their house is one nicknamed "Doctor" who is a Russian jew by origin and who is said to be a Soviet sympathiser.

No. 4 Astor Road is the property of the paramour of the
notorious Eugene Pick.

Photograph of Viveya Mihailovna Roetskaya attached.

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Dutch, Japangal, land H. S. Andherton, the British Police continue inquiries with a view to

BORODAVKINA, Raissa S.
Soviet agent. Cabaret dancer.

RAITSKY, Vivian
Soviet agent. Cabaret dancer.

KIRIENKO, S.
Soviet agent. Cabaret dancer.

KEATON
U.S. sailor. Attached to Submarine 38.

SHWELL, Jack
U.S. sailor. Attached to U.S.S. "Chaumont".
Said to be Soviet sympathiser.

MAMONTOFF, S.
Soviet agent (file D. 1261)

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